

Mid-day gun firing at Trivandrum.

285. * MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mid-day gun firing is stopped in the City of Trivandrum in its former place; and

(b) whether there is any other device installed in the City to indicate any correct time to the public?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (a) Mid-day gun firing has not been stopped. But it has been stopped from its former place as the Artillery has been shifted to Pangode.

(b) (1) Tower Clock, Public Office buildings.

(2) Tower clock, Fort Palace.

(3) Gongs and Bells within the Fort.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): May I know whether Government are aware of the fact that the public of Trivandrum are put to considerable difficulties on account of the shifting of gun fire from its former place?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Government are aware that in certain parts of the town gun is not being heard.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether they have considered the question of firing the gun from the centre of the town?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: There are certain difficulties and Government are going into the question.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether recently it has not been shifted to the beach area?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes, for three or four days it was taken to the beach.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know what was the result?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: In certain parts of the town, gun was heard while in other parts it was not heard.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether Government have considered the question of switching off light at 8 o'clock to indicate the time?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: It was not considered.

Disbursement of grants to Private Schools.

286 *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state whether long delays occur in the disbursement of grants-in-aid to the managers of Malayalam Private Schools under the newly made arrangements?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether there is any change in the system and if so, when it was made?